

## **Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation & Evaluation (ACHIEv)**

### **Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2022**

#### **Members Present**

Stephen Thielke, MD | Chair  
David Folweiler, DC | Vice-chair  
Mike Dowling, DC  
Andrew Friedman, MD  
Kirk Harmon, MD  
John Meier  
Jane Dale  
Lee Thomas

#### **Members Not Present**

Louis Lim, MD  
Lisa Vivian  
Neil Hartman  
Joe Kendo

#### **L&I Staff Present**

Gary Franklin  
Kim Wallace  
Mike Ratko  
Kirsta Glenn  
Suzyn Daniel  
Diana Drylie  
Molly Dutton  
Jason Fodeman  
Cherell Fisher  
Erich Hahn  
Jason McGrew  
Jeana Weekley  
Jennine Griffo  
Morgan Wear  
Morgan Young

Nancy Vandermark  
Noha Gindy  
Sarah Holm  
Shannon Pitts  
Tiffany Meeks  
Zach Gray  
Athena Hightower  
Bobbi Meins  
Wyndi Herrera

## **Welcome (Stephen Thielke)**

### **Introductions**

ACHIEv chair Stephen Thielke called the meeting to order and led introductions.

### **Approve Minutes from 4/28/2022**

Committee members reviewed the final meeting minutes from the April 28, 2022 meeting and voted to approve with no changes.

### **Safety Tip**

Stephen Thielke presented the safety tip on staying safe in the summer heat.

## **Updates**

### **COVID-19 (Cherell Fisher)**

As of this meeting, there have been >18,000 COVID claims so far in 2022 which is more than either 2020 or 2021. The greatest share is for health care workers. There have been fifty total fatal claims.

### **ProviderOne (Jennine Griffo)**

Transition of providers into ProviderOne for credentialing purposes will begin once final testing is complete. Migration will start with ancillary providers who are currently in the system while network providers continue to use paper applications. Migration will then continue for other provider types, including network providers. Updates will be communicated on the L&I website.

### **L&I Hybrid Work (Kim Wallace)**

L&I actively supports hybrid work schedules for employees. The majority of OMD staff will continue working remotely for the foreseeable future. The agency is actively working towards implementing hybrid meetings. There will likely be requirements re: masks and distancing that apply for in-person attendance.

## **Dashboard – Help Injured Workers Heal and Return to Work (Mike Ratko)**

Mike (with assistance from Kirsta Glenn) presented the new Operational Health Dashboard for Insurance Services. Key information included the volume of claims and rates of long-term disability prior to and during the pandemic. The rate of long-term disability increased during the pandemic which is likely due to the extra challenges and barriers associated with returning to work and, perhaps, difficulty in accessing medical care. A new measure of medical cost growth indicated that costs stabilized after the early months of the pandemic, and return to work outcomes from vocational referrals continue to improve as well.

## **Vocational Recovery Project – Provider Education (Erich Hahn)**

The Vocational Recovery Project is focused on engaging workers as active decision makers in the process of returning to work. By providing job accommodations, community resource referrals, and job seeking assistance this project will promote a much smoother transition back to work. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors (VCR's) will team with these workers to prevent unnecessary delays or unclear return to work plans. Committee members shared ideas and insights that Erich will consider and incorporate as the project unfolds.

## **Provider Recognition Program (PRP) Pilot (Jeana Weekley)**

L&I started accepting pilot provider applications on 07/01/2022. The goal of the pilot is to test the operational aspects of the program prior to rolling out on a larger scale. The program is designed to provide financial and non-financial incentives for providers who adopt high-levels of occupational health best practices. An evaluation of the pilot is expected to take place in late 2023. Participants must be fully credentialed L&I providers. Application information, including participation requirements are available on the L&I website.

## **Centers of Occupational Health & Education (COHE) Update (Morgan Wear)**

New COHE contracts started 07/01/2022 (previous contracts began in 2013). All existing COHEs were renewed, and we added a new COHE (Confluence Health). COHEs are located throughout the State. Future COHE projects are likely to focus on increasing involvement with self-insured

employers, connections with Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), and aligning COHEs with other best practice programs.

## **Meeting Wrap Up**

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Agenda and Meeting Planning Location for October 2022**

Possible topics suggested included:

- Committee Officers – The current charter may need to be changed to support smooth operations of the committee. Specifically, the Chair and Vice Chair currently serve one-year terms up to a maximum of six (*consecutive*) years total. There may be an opportunity to create more continuity and clarity. For example, officers could serve for two years, or the Vice Chair could become the Chair after one year.
- There may be additional aspects of the charter to discuss as well. L&I staff will review the ACHIEv charter and prepare for a more comprehensive discussion at a future meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.**